

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE

JEFFREY BILYEU, JESSICA BILYEU,      )  
STEPHANIE BRUFFEEY, MARK              )  
COFER, GREGORY SHEETS, and            )  
WILLIAM WEBB,                          )  
    ) Case No. 3:21-cv-352  
Plaintiffs,                              ) Jury Demanded  
    )  
v.                                         )  
    )  
UT-BATTELLE, LLC,                      )  
    )  
Defendant.                                )

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

COME NOW the parties, by and through the undersigned counsel, and pursuant to this Court's Order entered on January 4, 2023 [Doc. 86], submit the following Joint Status Report regarding the status of mediation:

1. On December 9, 2022, the parties resumed mediation before Chad Hatmaker, Esq. The mediation lasted approximately eight (8) hours, and multiple offers and counter-offers were exchanged.
2. The matter did not resolve on December 9, 2022, but the parties agreed to leave the mediation open and continue settlement discussions with Mr. Hatmaker's assistance.
3. On December 28, 2022, the parties filed their Joint Status Report [Doc. 85], reporting that settlement discussions were ongoing, and the Court ordered the parties to provide an update on or before January 31, 2023.
4. Since the December 28, 2022 Joint Status Report, the parties have continued to exchange offers and counter-offers and, with Mr. Hatmaker's assistance, have been able to narrow some of the issues to be resolved.

5. The parties believe the process has been productive and that they are making progress.

6. The parties expect to continue working with Mr. Hatmaker over the coming weeks to continue this progress toward resolution.

7. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that all deadlines in this case remain stayed to allow the parties to continue discussing potential resolution and propose reporting back to the Court in thirty (30) days.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the 31st day of January, 2023.

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